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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

HAMADA et al.

Application No. 09/425,630

Filed: October 22, 1999

For: FLOW RATE MEASURING DEVICE

Art Unit: 2855

Examiner: C. Dickens

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2001, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE DRAWINGS:

The Examiner is requested to approve the changes to Figures 36-45 as indicated in the attached Request for Approval of Drawing Amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claim 5 and replace the indicated claims with:

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1. (Twice Amended) A flow rate measuring device comprising:  
a post located in a fluid passage for passing a fluid flow and extending across a part of the fluid flow;  
a measuring duct in the post, the measuring duct having  
a fluid introduction port with an elongated shape confronting a flow direction of the fluid flow and,  
a first pair of generally smooth, converging inner wall surfaces, narrowing toward a downstream direction of the fluid flow, each of the smooth inner wall surfaces